(f) M/s. IDPL is not involved in the Supreme Court case.

(g) and (h) Do not arise.

Recovery under para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979

653. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKARAVARTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under provision 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 the amount overcharged by drug companies based on the price of bulk drug allowed in the formulation and actual import procurement was to be deposited under the Drug Prices Equalisation Account;

(b) if so, what is the total amount recovered under this provision from 1980 upto 30th June, 1989;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry gave notices to certain drug companies in respect to Matranidazole, Trimethoprim, Sulphamethoxazole, Gentamycin, Doxcycline, Flucinelone, Ocyphenylbutazone, Tetracycline, Analgin and certain other drugs; and

(d) if so, what are the names of drug companies, the unintended benefit made on each drug and the amount recovered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The total amount recovered in respect of recoveries under para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 till the end of 30th June, 1989 is Rs. 116.50 lakhs.

(c) Letters to about 230 formulators were issued between 1983 and 1986 for collecting details of imports/ purchase of bulk drugs in order to work out the amount recoverable under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979.

(d) The details to the extent available are given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 54].

Court directions for recovery of overcharged amounts

654. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 8th July, 1989 captioned 'Drug companies returning money';

(b) if so, what were the total number of litigation cases and in how many cases the Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court directed to deposit the overcharged amount;

(c) what was the period relating to which the overcharged amount was to be worked out and recovered.

(d) what are the names of the drugs, the overcharged amounts worked out in each case, and upto what period;

(e) what is the break-up of total amount of Rs. 594.41 lakhs due and Rs. 4.01 lakhs deposited; and

(f) what are the names of drug companies in whose cases the overcharged amount is still to be worked out and recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Yes Sir.